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FIREMEN TO MAKE LAST PEACE BID; **ACTION DELAYED**

No action in the strike of city firemen will be taken by any of the unions pending the meeting of the Trades and Labor council Thursday night at Italian hall. The committee having in charge an investigation to recommend a course of action will report at that time, when it is estimated the last effort for a compromise will be offered.

RESOLUTE AHEAD

Rumors of strikes in isolated plants of are continuing, but statements from leaders Wednesday declared that there would not be any action pending the meeting of the council.

Charges were made by labor leaders and committees of the firemen's union Wednesday that a settlement was offered to them through President Ellis of the Chamber of Commerce, on condition that the union would give up its charter. This offer, according to the leaders, was made at a conference soon after the calling of the strike. It is not denied by heads of the union organization.

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Another charge against the Chamber of Commerce is that they have been asking plants not to employ striking firemen. In reply to this, Secretary Hayley issued a general denial and further stated that all facilities of the chamber are at the disposal of any and all striking firemen to aid them in securing other employment if they wish it.

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Circulation of recall petitions against Mayor Paine and Commissioner Edgar have been rumored. Thus far, the labor men are taking no part in this, although they admit that some petitions will be acting on individual initiative in such a move.

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Conferences between union leaders continued throughout the day Wednesday. The executive board of the council and the committees of the firemen held special sessions, but no direct action beyond discussion of matters was taken.

Complaints of the labor leaders against the Chamber of Commerce in strikers from obtaining positions, numed the American Car and Foundry Co. as one of the places where discussions where discounted any prejudice against firemen, saying that none had applied, that they had no vacancies, but if any should occur, striking firemen would be employed should they measure up to qualifications for the position sought.

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o weather was Resolute, but the defender evidently had been reached on firemen in securing new positions. Secretary Hayley said every agency would be turned over to them. He cited the record in the past where positions have been found for every man who was looking for work and while admitting that to find more than 200 openings at the firement of the chamber to care for means would be difficult, every possible means would be exerted to care for the invites any and all firemen so the mean of the call and confer with him.

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At 2:50 the breeze had increased to 12 knots, the best in the 1920 series. At 2:19 Resolute was within 2½ miles of the turning mark and a half-mile ahead of Shamrock. The regatta committee boat started back for the finish line. Rounding the outer mark a minute and 45 seconds abead of Shamrock by unofficial time, Resolute broke out her spinnaker. The elapsed time on the windward beats as computed unofficially were: Resolute 2:20:46. Shamrock, 2:22:44.

YOUNGER BERGDOLL

the territory in the vicinity of the break.

The hydraulic elevators in the office buildings could not operate and the enterpolarity of the offices had to climb the stairs to reach them. Scores of manufacturies were unable to start because of the fear of boiler explosions. A great residence district also was alfected and hundreds of people gathered at the fire plugs with buckets to ratch the trickles of water that came from the broken main it was necessary to close the valves in mains of other sections of the city and this caused a temporary famine.

GIVES UP TO JUDGE

NEW YORK, July 21—Erwin R. Bergdoll, wounder half brother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, who disappeared from his Philadelphia home about two pears ago and since then has been sought on charges of draft evasion, to-day surrendered at Governor's island.

With Bergdoll, when he surrend-red was Judge James Roemig, of Pittadelphia, a personal friend of the Bergdoll family, who himself is under indictment in connection with Grover's disappearance.

HOUSTON MAN HEADS
SOUTH'S PUBLISHERS

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 21.—Marcelius R. Foster, of Houston, Tex., was elected president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association at its closing session here today. Other officers elected were: W. A. Elliott, Jacksonville Times-Union, Jacksonville, first vice-president, Charles R. Stewart, Lexington Herald, Lexington, Ky, second vice-president, and W. C. Johnson, Chattanooga, News, Chattanooga, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

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Edgar and Mayor Cite Statutes Whereby Firemen Who Walked Out Cannot Be Taken Back.

Reinstatement of former members of the Memphis fire department who resigned their positions and left their posts at noon last Thursday is an impossibility under the terms of the act regulating the fire department, except that the men could apply for positions as individuals and begin as first year privates at a salary of \$160 per month. There will be no recognition of a union in the fire department so long as the present administration is in office and as for the theory that the men were discharged, it is pointed out that the men voluntarily presented their written resignation and a statement from John B. Edgar, commissioner of fire and police, was published in which he stated that the cite would accept the withdrawal of any of the resignations and the men could remain at their posts.

The city's position was thus summed up Wednesday following publication of rumors regarding intention of the Trades and Labor council. Members of the council however, vigorously denied any intent of making a move beyond once more submitting to city officials the proposal for reinstatement of striking firemen as originally drawn up by the editors of the three daily papers.

All members of the city commission are unanimous in their opinion that a union has no place in the fire department and this feature is definitely and finally settled. There will be no recognition of the present if refighters' union, nor will the oryanization of another firemen's union be permitted under the present administration at least.

As to the reinstatement of the men who have resigned, which plan would naturally carry with it restoration of all salary and seniority rights and, as the previous proposal set out, "without prejudice," the mayor and commissioner refer to section two of house bill Noo 629, of the legislature of 1919, passed April 14, of that year and approved by the governor the following day, which says:

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"Sec. 2. Be it further enacted by the general assembly of the state of Ten-(Continued on Page 12, Column 1.)

Only Legal Process Can Prevent Opening of Sessions Thursday.

Review of the merchants' ad valorem assessment, as made by T. G. Scarbrough, city assessor, by the city board of equalization will begin Thursday, according to announcement Wednesday. The city board, it is understood, will proceed with their work on these books as they have with the reality and personalty, unless stopped by legal process. In his letter to Mayor Paine advising that the ad valorem assessment books had been turned over to the city cierk, Mr. Scarbrough called attention to the law as interpreted to him, and under his attorney's construction of the law, there is no provision for a board of review insofar as the ad valorem assessment is concerned.

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The contention of Mayor Paine has been that the real estate in the city was bearing more than its just share of the tax burden. It has been the policy of the city board as well as the advisory committee to so equalize the personalty and other taxes that they would bear their pro rata of the total tax.

When the merchants' ad valorem as-When the merchanta' ad valorem as-sessment was submitted it was many millions below the estimates previously made by the mayor and commissioners. The city took the position that the board of equalization had a perfect right to review the assessment and make such equalizations as it saw fit and this policy will be followed, unless some citizen seeks to stop the work by legal process.

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The date on which final figures on the city personalty assessment can be announced is not known. Some assessments were taken up Wednesday at a session of the city board and these protests involved large property holdings. A corps of clerks and stenographers are at work on the city tax books however, and the work is being rushed to completion, as the city has passed the tax rate ordinance on second reading at the session of the commission. Tuesday and contemplates the collection of city taxes during the month of August.

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An appraisal of the actual value of the property of the Memphis Gas and Electric company is to begin at an early date in an effort to determine whether or not the temporary increase in rates as put into effect on April 1. by the state utilities commission, shall be made permanent, reduced or increased.

The appraisal will be made by three experts, one appointed by the public utilities commission, one by the Memphis Gas and Electric company and one by the city of Memphis. The same course as followed in the appraisal of the property of the Memphis Street Railway company will be followed.

At the regular meeting of the city commission Tuesday, Walter P. Armstrong, city attorney, was authorized to enter into a contract with F. G. Proutt, of Memphis, to act as the representative of the city in the appraisal. Mr. Prout will be paid at the rate of \$50 per day for each day he works on the appraisal. Salaries of such assistants as

GOVERNOR WILL CALL FOR COUNTY ELECTIONS

In all likelihood Gov. Roberts will issue a call for special elections to be held in various counties in the state where there are vacancies, caused by resignation or by members of the legislature who have accepted other positions disqualifying them from serving in the extraordinary session that convenes on Aug. 9. In all likelihood the governor will issue the call Saturday.

It is understood that while a number of members of the general assembly are holding jobs and are in the employ of the state and municipalities that there are only three or four who will be disqualified from serving.

Frank Thompson, attorney-general, has notified the governor that the constitution provides for filling vacancies and that the provision is mandatory. Under this construction it is pactically agreed that the governor will authorise elections in some of the counties where it is established that vacancies exist.

Application has been made for an election in Sullivan county to choose stature who have accepted other positions disqualifying them from sort of sailors. Statuture who have accepted to the position of sail statute is statuted singualifying them from sort of the control of the extraction of the extraction of the control of the state and municipality of the state and state of the state of

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SHOWING OF MAN

Senator Fisher, of Carthage, and John B. Thomason Here to Form Shelby Organization for August Primary.

Senator J. N. Fisher, of Carthage, and John B. Thomason came to Memphis Wednesday for the purpose of forming an organization for Gov. Roberts in the August primary. Senator Fisher is campaign giananger for the governor, and Mr. Thomason, a resident of Memphis, is state comptroller.

Both expressed themselves as elated over the showing the governor is making in his speeches. It is declared that the governor has met with splendid results everywhere he has gone.

"It is not unusual," said Mr. Thomason, "for the governor to begin his speech with a number of persons hostile to him and for everyone to be converted to him before he concludes."

Senator Fisher says the chief fight made upon the governor is because of the tax law which goes into effect this year, The tax rate will be fixed by the legislature when it meets on Aug. 9. The opposition to the governor is caused by misrepresentation and misunderstanding. Mr. Fisher says the people will find the tax law the most beneficial legislation enacted in years, after they have tried it for a while. He declares legislation enacted in years, after they have tried it for a while. He declares that there is no occasion for the people to assume that taxes will be increased because their assessment has been raised.

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likened the attempts of the opposition to wreck the party in the state.

"When I came back to Tennessee from that splendld convention," he continued. "I found that the marplots had kindled the fires of hatred within the party, but I never dreamed that they would go so far as to grab the torch and burn down the temple of Democracy in Tennessee."

RAILWAY WALKOUT DANGER LESSENED AS UNIONS CONFER

CHICAGO, July 21.-Danger of an immediate strike of railway workers of the country apparently had dissipated when the 2,000 representatives of the railway crafts resumed their conferences here today to consider the \$600,000,000 wage increase granted by the railway labor board in its decision handed down

In addition there appeared to be less dissatisfaction over the amount of the award on the part of the union men.

Yesterday's group conferences extended far into the night without any decision as to acceptance or rejection of the award having been reached. At the close of last night's conference, however, W. G. Lee, of Cleveland, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, emphasized that no immediate strike was in prospect.

Speaking Tour to Begin Soon After Notification, Tentatively Set for August 7. Roosevelt Starts Out West.

statements regarding campaign funds, said the Democrats "would lay all cards on the table, including campaign funds." "I hope the other party will set not only the wisdom, but the good Ameri-can spirit, in not hiding its light under a bushel," said Mr. Roosevelt, who re-

ZINK NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER OF CITY

Clyde Zink, for a number of years deputy license collector, has been named assistant treasurer of the city of Memphis to succeed R. W. Parham, who has resigned to accept a position with the Memphis Packing Corporation.

Mr. Zink's appointment was confirmed by a resolution unanimously adopted at the regular meeting of the commission on Tuesday and he was authorized to countersign city checks.

The appointment of Mr. Zink is in line with the city's policy of promoting men in the service of the city in all departments, Mayor Paine said Wednesday.

o "There will be no illegal, outlaw, rebel, speradic or immediate rallway strike." Mr. Lee said. "Whether the rallway wage award is accepted or rejected, the union action will be concerted and deliberate."

When the grand council met today four courses were under consideration: Acceptance of the award under protest—a registration of their dissatisfaction over the terms as compared with the original demands.

Acceptance of the award with a proviso that preparations for new wage demands be immediately started; these demands to be filed with the rallway labor board as soon as practical after Sept. 1, the date the reads emerge finally from government control.

Tentative rejection of the award and a reformation of the strike issue to a referendum of the rank and file. Flat rejection of the award and an exercise of the extraordinary plenary powers resting in the grand council toward a strike.

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Sun sets today 7:12 p.m. Rises to-morrow 5:02 am. Moon rises 10:51 p.m. tonight. Precipitation .21 inches.

Tennessee-Showers probable. Mississippi-Showers probable, Arkansas-Cloudy. Alabama-Showers probable.

Kentucky-Fair. Louislana-Cloudy. North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Showers probable. Oklahoma, East and West Texas-Cloudy.

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